

NEGROESSESS KILLING OF DR. ALVERSON

More Arrests Expected Following Physician's Murder at Vicksburg—Grocer Last Seen With Victim.

VICKSBURG, Miss., Jan. 12.—More arrests are expected hourly in connection with the murder of Dr. D. S. Alverson, whose bullet-riddled body was found Saturday night buried in a hole near the north observation tower in the Vicksburg national cemetery. Jesse Watts, grocer, with whom Dr. Alverson is said to have left home when he disappeared last Monday, is in jail at Jackson, Miss., for safe-keeping, as mob violence was threatened against him.

Besides wounds from a .38 caliber revolver there was a wound on the back of the skull, it is said, by a Ford wheel puller, which was found near the scene of the killing. Reuben Winbush, negro employee of Jesse Watts, is said to have confessed, but what he revealed Sheriff B. G. Shannon would not divulge. The sheriff, however, indicated Monday that more persons had been involved by the negro and that more arrests might follow.

Watts is said to have made threats against Dr. Alverson following an operation said to have been performed on Watts' wife, and this is taken as the motive for the crime. The prominence of Dr. Alverson, his disappearance and the brutality of the murder has aroused people of this vicinity to a high pitch of excitement. When Sheriff Shannon was asked Monday if the negro, Winbush, had confessed, he would not deny the fact, but said: "He knows all about it. I talked to him, that is all." The sheriff also indicated that Winbush had not been taken from the Warren county jail when he stated: "He is still under my care and is safe. The soldiers will protect my prisoner."

Dr. S. H. Alverson, of Shreveport, La., brother of the murdered physician, arrived in Vicksburg Saturday night and immediately upon his arrival he, and first not down to the few friends of evidence. First he was taken to the home of Dr. Norman Henry, who stated the man falling at his home Monday night was using the name of Dr. Alverson, but that he was not Dr. Alverson, as "Mr. Smith," was no other than Jesse Watts, whom he had known all his life. Watts denied having been there.

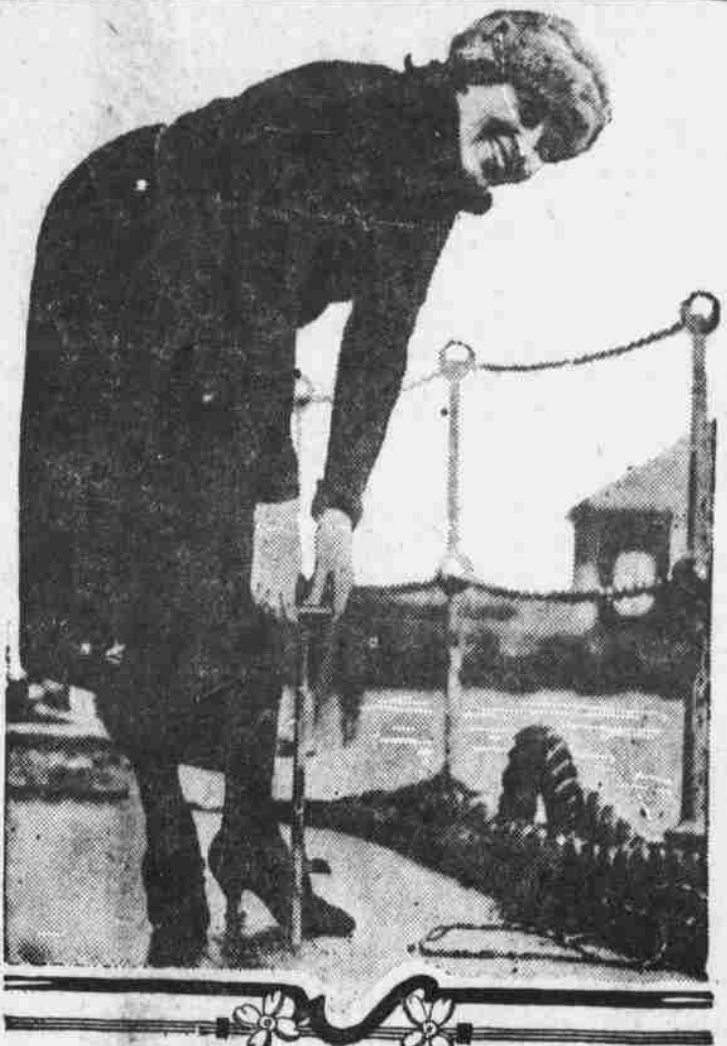
Wicks, the mechanic who had been called to repair the car in response to the call over Dr. Henry's phone, declared Watts was the man who called him. He said he saw him frequently. Watts denied this. A negro residing on Fort Hill claimed he heard shots on last Monday night, but as this was nothing unusual he did not investigate. The weather was cold and it was raining.

Following these clues Dr. Alverson's brother followed his conviction that his brother had not been killed, but was away on that historic hill that marked the close of the Civil war around the city of Vicksburg.

A negro who was aiding the searching party Saturday found a human knee protruding from the ground, and called the police. County Attorney O'Neil began to pull away the dirt and found the body of Dr. Alverson. It was a crumpled position, indicating he had been dragged, placed in a ravine and covered with dirt, but rain had followed from washing the dirt away from the knee. His finger rings and watch were still on his body.

The coroner's jury finished the investigation at a late hour Saturday evening and the autopsy showed that Dr. Alverson had been shot five times, the first indicated, and that he had been struck a heavy blow in the back of his head, any of which wounds would have proved fatal.

HANDS OF WOMAN TURN WATER IN BIGGEST CONSTRUCTION DRYDOCK



Mrs. Luther E. Gregory turning valve at dock.

When the world's biggest construction drydock was dedicated at Bremerton, Wash., near Seattle, recently, Mrs. Luther E. Gregory, wife of the designer of the dock, turned the valve which sent a flood of water into the new dock. She is shown above bending over the valve.

WIGGS' SUIT, HEADS LUMBER CONCERN

Big Chancery Suit Restores Former President Stock and Former Position.

R. J. Wiggs, former president of the Darnell-Love Lumber Company, Monday was restored to that position, decreed by a chancery court, after the first of January. Wiggs, who was ousted from the position of president of the company, was restored to that position, decreed by a chancery court, after the first of January. Wiggs, who was ousted from the position of president of the company, was restored to that position, decreed by a chancery court, after the first of January.

25,400 PRISONERS ARE CLAIMED BY SOVIET

LONDON, Jan. 12.—The capture of 25,400 prisoners is claimed in an official statement issued to the Soviet government at Moscow, giving details of the results of Bolshevik operations on the southern front between Dec. 21 and Jan. 1.

BRITISH ENVOY GOES TO GERMAN CAPITAL

LONDON, Jan. 12.—Lord Kilmasnoy left London today to act as British diplomatic representative in Berlin. His departure marks an important step in the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Germany, which will be effective immediately.

ARKANSAN WITH \$3,000 CASH GONE

A flash reached police Sunday for a man beating a car in the Marked Tree, Ark., who has been missing since last Tuesday. He came here to buy lumber and is supposed to have had \$3,000 cash on his person. He is 55, five feet eight inches tall, has gray hair and mustache, and is wearing a black suit, black hat when last seen.

AVALANCHE BURIES TOWN; MANY KILLED

PERNE, Jan. 12.—Porrachia, a village in the Italian Alps, has been buried by an avalanche and many persons are reported to have been killed. Heavy snowstorms in the Alps have blocked railroads and highways, many villages being isolated.

THREE PREMIERS MEET TO DISCUSS ADRIATIC

PARIS, Jan. 12.—The three premiers—Benjamin Franklin, Lloyd George of Great Britain and Neville Chamberlain—met this morning at the foreign ministry to consider the Adriatic question. The summit meeting will be held tomorrow. The peace conference committee on verification of credentials today examined the letters of credit of the Hungarian peace delegates and found them to be satisfactory.

INSANE BLACK IS BARRICADED BY WHITE HOUSE

TEXARKANA, Ark., Jan. 12.—After shooting and instantly killing Dan Grimes, a negro, Henry Wilson, insane negro, barricaded himself in the attic of a farm house five miles from this city and has successfully held at bay the sheriff and a force of deputies since.

CONFERENCES ON TREATY

Several Groups Hopeful That Agreement Will Be Reached.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Another week of individual conferences between senators and a group of advisers on the peace treaty opened today with leaders of several groups hopeful that some definite headway would be made within a few days. Democratic leaders said Democratic senators were not yet "pledged" to support any definite program of compromise reservations. Senator Hitchcock, the administration leader, is hopeful, however, that a compromise will be reached and that enough Republicans will support it to secure general Democratic approval and passage of the treaty.

NOTED BREEDERS Special Train Leaves for Eastern Arkansas Demonstration Farm.

Some of the biggest men in the country interested in the breeding of Duroc hogs, including the noted breeders, are among the score of buyers who started out Monday morning on the 12th Southern sales circuit, leaving for the demonstration farm in the state of Arkansas.

\$8,000,000 FOR TENNESSEE ROADS

This Amount Will Be Available for Highways During Coming Year.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Jan. 12. (Sp.)—The state highway commission announced today that it had secured a loan of \$8,000,000 from the federal government for the coming year. The loan will be used for the construction and improvement of highways in the state.

COMMITTEE TO STUDY TRAFFIC CONDITIONS

A committee of 10 prominent citizens was named Monday afternoon by John B. Edgar, commissioner of fire and police, to study the traffic conditions in the city and to make recommendations for improvement.

MARTENS ASKS MORE TIME FOR DEFENSE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—A request for more time in which to prepare his testimony was asked today by the Soviet government at Moscow, giving details of the results of Bolshevik operations on the southern front between Dec. 21 and Jan. 1.

NO PASSING OF BUCK GOES AT CITY HALL

There will be no passing of the buck from one city department to another hereafter if Mayor Paine's orders are observed. It has been made plain at a conference held at the city hall today that the mayor has no intention of allowing the various departments to shirk their responsibilities.

TIA JUANA LOSES CHANCE FOR FIGHT

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 12.—Jack Kearns, manager for Jack Dempsey, says little chance for a fight with Tia Juana, a Mexican boxer, is now a thing of the past. He believes it must go abroad.

MRS. FRED BIANCHI FUNERAL ON TUESDAY

The funeral of Mrs. Fred Bianchi, who died Sunday afternoon at her home, 520 Linden avenue, after a brief illness, will be held from the residence 2:15 Tuesday morning. Mass will be sung at St. Patrick's church immediately thereafter followed by interment in Calvary cemetery.

SAVING BATES' FORCE ALREADY LARGER FEES THIS YEAR

County Court Appropriates Total of \$8,400 Ex-Officio Fees—North Memphis Bank County Depository.

The state's attorney and members of his official staff will be paid a total of \$8,400 in ex-officio fees and allowances this year, more than ever before allowed by the county court. The appropriations were made under a new law passed last year, permitting larger appropriations for the state's attorney and his staff.

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